U.S. State Department

The State Department is the foreign policy branch of the U.S. government and the Secretary of State is the U.S. foreign minister. Its broad goals are to enhance the political and economic power of the U.S. in the world – defined as the ability to achieve U.S. "national interests," however these may be defined at a particular historical moment. Particular administrations differ on their definition of national interests and the best means of achieving them, but the broad goal transcends such differences.

Case Specific Information

The State Department, in this scenario, works with and through the U.S. trade representatives who act on its behalf.

Frame

UNFETTERED MARKETS (see **Globalization Frames** in **Resource Kit**).

Access Rule

The following teams automatically have your permission to meet with you: **A-Team, Louisiana State Government, HAZMAT**, and **Progressive Caucus.** Other teams require your permission to meet with you.

Success Indicators

World Power (WP): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase the economic and political influence of the United States in the world and is lowered by actions that decrease U.S. influence.

Elite Support (ES): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase support for the current U.S. administration among U.S. corporate elites and their political allies, and is lowered by actions that weaken this support.

Popular Support (PS): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase support for the current U.S. administration by the electorate and is lowered by actions that reduce this support.

Overall Success = (2WP + 2ES + PS) / 5

Recommended to Print and Read from Resource Kit:

*** Glossary of Technical Terms.
*** UNFETTERED MARKETS Frame from Globalization Frames.
*** About CERD
*** Microcredit Programs
*** ILO Fundamental Conventions
*** Investor Rights Clauses

State Department Action Options

The following action options are available to the State Department and you may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

___ I. Ask the President to repeal Executive Order #12,898.

___ II. Direct the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue HAZMAT a license for its uranium enrichment plant.

___ III. Direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue HAZMAT a license for its petrochemical plant.

___ IV. Direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue HAZMAT a license for its waste disposal plant.

___ V. Adopt a policy of eliminating Investor Rights Clauses from all existing and future trade agreements.

___ IVa. Make it a policy to refuse to sign all future trade agreements that contain such clauses.

___ IVb. Renegotiate existing trade agreements to eliminate such clauses.

___ V. Support legislation for a substantial micro-credit program in Cancer Alley.

___ VI. Other actions[1] (specify)

[1] You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

State Department Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier. You should focus on the actions you have taken during Phase Three that you wish to publicize – and, if relevant, possible action that you might have taken and did not. You should emphasize those actions of your own and of others that you hope will raise your relevant success indicators.)

State Department Broadcast Rating Form

The State Department monitors WUSA and the EuroPress.

WUSA

Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the State Department covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.

_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.

_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. To what extent would the coverage be likely to increase or decrease the support of voters for the current U.S. Administration?

_____ a. Likely to increase support.

_____ b. Mixed.

_____ c. Likely to decrease support.

EuroPress

Notes on coverage:

(State Department Broadcast Rating Form continued)

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